



Maximum Floor Area Allowances Per Occupant

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The purpose of this Technical Bulletin is to establish maximum floor area allowance per occupant for uses not listed in the California Building Code (CBC) Table 1004.1.2.

The following floor area allowances per occupant shall be used when determining the number of occupants in a space.

Documents referenced in this Information Bulletin

- 2016 California Building Code, (CBC)
- San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC)

FUNCTION OF SPACE	OCCUPANT LOAD FACTOR (See Footnote)
1. Arcades	11 gross
2. Auto Repair Garage	200 gross
3. Bar counter (3ft wide for full length of the counter)	5 net
4. Billiard Parlors	30 net
5. Barbershop, Hair Salon, Beauty Salons, Tanning Salons	50 net
6. Computer Training Rooms with Fixed Workstations	50 net
7. Dance	
Classroom Only	50 gross
Dance Hall	15 net
Dance Floor	7 net
8. Dog Run / Dog Walk (or other animals)	50 gross
9. Laundromat (Self-service)	60 net
10. Live/Work Quarters * (Per SDMC Section 141.0311)	
Living Area	200 gross
Work Area	100 gross
11. Lobbies / Waiting Areas:	
Banks	50 gross
Exhibit Halls	7 net
Offices	15 gross
Hotels	15 gross
Restaurant (standing space)	7 net
Restaurant (unconcentrated -chairs)	15 net
Theater	7 net
12. Meeting Rooms, Conference Rooms	15 net
13. Racquetball Court (Excludes spectator areas / galleries)	4 Occupants per Court
14. Recreation Rooms (15 net
15. Recreational Activities (Trampoline, Laser tag, Paintball, Escape Rooms)	TBD ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS
16. Storage (Mini Storage, Self Storage)	300 gross
17. Yoga Studio	15 gross

Footnote: Floor area in square feet per occupant.